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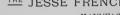
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composer during the progress of the work find his liventin fail him, he can fail back on the overture the keyboard; but scarce had he done so when a and make use of a portion of that. I have know and uside co hong came over his appearance. His eye the whole of an overture to be used in this manner, dilated with rage and fear; he lifted his trunk in a gian on the libration. And here I would say to the composer, do not be a slave to it; do not allow it to composer, do not be a slave to it; do not allow it to composer, do not be a slave to it; do not allow it to composer, do not be a slave to it; do not allow it to composer to make the composer of the circumpture of the ci





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Sanday Alternoon, April 5th, and Taursuay Night, 1, Piano Duet, Il Trovatore, Grand Fantasie, Mel-notte; Mr. Charles Kunkel and Senor Ramon Aqua-bella—2, Song, A Day Dream, Streteski; Miss Marie Kern.—3, Filano Duet, Concerto in F sharp. atarie kern—3, Piano Duet, Concerto in F sharp ninor, Hiller; Mr. Charles Doerr; orchestral ac-companiment on a second piano by Mr. Louis Con-rath—4, Song, Waling, Millard; Mrs. Nan Bro-phil—5, Song, The Heart Bowed Down, Batje, Mr. G. T. Dickson—6, Duet for Two Pianos. True hall—s, Nong, The Heart Lored such and Different of the Co. To Meckson—d, Duet Ion Vo Planes, Grand Concert Waltz, Fon Britz, Hearts, Grand Concert Waltz, Fon Britz, Messen Charles Kundel and Louis Conrath—7, Song, Angel's seronade, with Violin Obligato, Drogot, Miss. Laura, E. Houtte—9, Song, Magnetic Waltz, Arditif, Miss Learna, E. Houtte—9, Song, Magnetic Waltz, Arditif, Miss Berlia, Winslow—10, Song, The Resurrection, obletey, Mr. J. B. Shields, with violin, organ and March, account March, Ac piano accompaniment—11, Piano Duet, Tourist March, Sisson; Mr. Charles Kunkel and Senor Aqua-PIETEENTH AND SIXTEENTH CONCERTS.

Sunday Afternoon, April 12th, and Tuesday Night, April 14th.

April 14th.

1, Duet for Two Pianos, Tannhauser March, Waguer-Lizat; Messrs, Louis Conrath and Angust FReipschlusger——2, Song, I Dream (Reverle), with
Violin Obligato, Schira; Miss Lillian Sutter and Mr. Volin Obligato, Schrier, Miss Lillian Stater and Mr. Carl Thoil — 3, Plano Solo, Concertatucek in C Carl Thoil — 3, Plano Solo, Concertatucek in C comparison of the Control of the Control of the Control of the Control of ling—8, Duct for Two Pianos (Grand Fantasie, treating themes from Weber's Oheron, Preciosa and Freischuetz), Lysberg; Messrs. Louis Conrath and August F. Reipschlaeger.—9, Song, My Little Darling, Gomez; Miss Ida Phelps—10. Violin Solo, a, Berceuse (Cradle Song), Simon; b. Kulawiak, Second Muzurka, Illemanoski; Miss Rose Ford.—11, Piano onet, American Girls' March (by request), Kunkel; Mr. Charles Kunkel and Senor Aquabella.

SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CONCERTS Sunday Afternoon, April 19th, and Thursday Night.

April 23rd.

1. Piano Duct, William Tell (Overture Rossini). 1, Figno Duck, William Fell (Overture Rossin), (Grand Concert Faraphrase), Melnotte; Mr. Charls, Knitkel and Senor Aquabella — 2, Song, For You, Smitth; Mrs. Clara Bollinger — 3, Plano Solo, Con-certstucek in A minor, Padereseki; Mrs. Nellie Strong Stevenson; orclestral accompaniment on a second Sevension or civiletti accompaniment on a second lissung by the universal expansion of the sevension of the

Tis I Alone can Tell, Riegy; Mr. W. W. Gibson—10, Violin Solo, a, Canzone, Bohm; b, Danse Hongroise (Ungarische Tinze), Papini; Mr. Charles Kaub—11, Song, Duet, Go, Pretty Rose, Marxials; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Pearson—12, Piano Duet, Night Blooming Cereus, Polks, Scheuermann; Mr. Charles

#### POPE GREGORY THE GREAT.

In the Middle Ages legend and history united in making Gregory the author of all and each of the church melodies, and that he made them by divine church melouies, and that he made them by divine imparation—a belief which they expressed in art by imparation—a belief which they expressed in art by which is a distinguishing mark of that Pope in his many pictures and statues. It would require large space to follow the growth of this chant throughout ingit—one at the Lateran, the other at St. Peter's at the Vatican. It was to the sound of these rotes that the misloanaries he sent to England chasted their hymns, while King Humbert sat awaiting them in the open air near the town of Canterbury. Charlemagne brought teachers of this music from Rome, and established schools of ecclesiastical music Home, and established schools of ecclesiastical music at Metz and Solssons. And here, in this new king-dom, where a fresh and active civilization grew up. this Gregorian chant, which not only had the early Christian music in it, but which had fragments of the ancient Roman music, accompanied the services the sneters rounds must, accompanies are services of the church. Thus it has been deduced, and with much probability, that "the Gregorian melody forms the classical basis of our European music; and it is upon its principles that even the productions of to-day are originally founded.

#### THE FLUTE.

The flute, made from the horn of the reindeer, is one of the first musical instruments of which we have any knowledge. Later it was used in Egypt, in ion from its adoption by Alcibiades. In Rome the flute became the only instrument used for religious purposes; and Mendelssohn remembered this old Roman use of the flute when in his symphony of 'St. Roman use of the flute when in his symphony of "St. Paul" 'he hud the pagan chorus "Oh, Be Graelous, Ye Immortals " accompanied by a flute obligato. In 1834 Boehm effected an absolute change in the flute, and the flute now most used is called the Boehm The different modern composers have recognized the value of the flute in opera work; Verdi using it in Aīda, Berlloz in the "Requiem," and

Wagner in many of his operas.

The piccolo flute is the highest-pitched instrument in the orchestra, and was used for feverish, frenzied passages. Hence it was almost always em-ployed in descriptions of the infernal regions, or for drunken orgles. Beethoven, however, has made it the instrument for the shrill piping of the wind in the Sixth Syuphony, while in the "druguenots" it is used by Meyerbeer to express the shrieks of the wounded.

#### VIBRATION OF VIOLIN STRINGS.

A violin string, like every sonorous body, vibrates Tractions or aniquot parts—one-min, one-intro one-fourth, one-fith, etc. Each of these parts gives a separate note, the half strings yielding just the octave of the open string; the one-intri strings giving the fifth above the octave; the one-ourth strings giving the double octave; the one-sixth strings giving the fifth above the double octave, etc. These harmonic tones are brought out on stringed third, one-fourth, one-fifth, etc., so as to prevent the string from vibrating as a whole, while allowing It to vibrate in its several parts.

The coming musician in France appears to be M. Brunean. He has new ideas, not only in operate, but also in ecclesiastic music, as the following account of his Requiem, recently sung in London

The work is dedicated to the composer's mother well as for concert use; and in addition to the vocal quartet and chorus, a very full orchestra, and the 10ks, who are conceased with the narps in the organ loft, first enter at the close of the "Tuba mirum," which in itself is announced by single trumpet notes, burled from right to left of the orthestra, intoning an old eccleshastical chant. The "Hostias" is sung by the children alone from the organ loft,

#### MAJOR AND MINOR.

Beethoven's Trio in C minor, No. 3, is poetic, symmetrical, and easy enough to make it the most popular of all his trios. When first performed in the presence of Haydn, the latter advised the composer not to publish it, as, in his opinion, it was "the music of the fnure," and not suited to the taste of the musical public of that time.

A serious accident recently befell Joseph Mayer, known everywhere as the Christ in the "Passion Play" at Ober-Ammergau. While he was engaged Play "at Ober-Ammergan. While he was engaged in helping to haul a tree to a wagon, the tree slipped from those hauling it and knocked Mayer down, falling on one of his legs. The limb was so badly crushed that it was found necessary to ampu-

It is not only in Italy, in Germany, and in France that the question of hats at theatres raises acrimo-nious discussions. It is stated that at Bucharest nious discussions. It is stated that at Sucharest this famous question has just caused a lawsuit. A number of the andience, having been placed behind a lady who carried a monumental head-dress, protested that he could see nothing, and demanded the the return of his money. This having been refused, be instituted an action, and the matter is now hefore the courts.

Oie Bornemann Bull, the famous violinist, was the Bornemann Bull, the famous violinist, was born Feb. 5, 120, at Bergen, Norway. His father, it is said, attempted to occree him into the sandy of profession. In 1528 he studied law at Gottingen, and, in consequence of a duel at Minden, fled to Paris in 1831. He attempted to drown himself in the Seine, but was rescued, and acquired the patronage of a lady of rank. From that time he rapidly rose to fame as a violinist, theing at the thus of his death, aug. 18, 1909, the greatest in the world.

In the course of the new constructions in the The course of the sew constructions in the Washring suburb of Vienna, an old haunt of Franz Schubert's has been opened up. It was established as a cabaret with a garden attached in 1711 by a restaurateur named Biersack, and in the garden still stands an old chestnut tree beneath which Schubert composed his aubade, "Hark! Hark! the

Leoncavallo's hitherto unknown opera, "Chat-terton," has had a successful first representation in Rome, the composer heing many times called be-fore the curtain. "Chatterton is a work of Leon-cavallo's younger days, before he had been heard cavalio's younger days, before he had been heard of. It has been but slightly altered for this per-formance. The composer himself declares that on examining his youthful work after several years, he found nothing to change from the point of view of expression and fitness. The melodies written so long ago seem to him to-day sufficiently appropri-tate, and he has therefore left the work in its original freshness, correcting only, in some few particulars

It is a curious anomaly that Matthew Arnold, whose exquisite lines are pregnant with a whole-souled love of nature, and who believed in the refining and enlightening influence of poetry, was absolutely indifferent to music. He attended the Wagner operas at Munich because their stories in Wagner operas at Munica Decause their stories in-terested him and the ilbretto was so poetically written. When studying the German schools he nevertired of the lessons in general, but complained that "they make me hear too much music." The Welsh Elsteddfoil he declared "a wonderful sight and a credit to the country that can produce it,'

According to the Paris Figare, Ambroise Thomas owed his sudden death to his own imprudence. He was remarkably robust and healthy for one of his age, and this made blim careless in his habits. He had a cold, and his doctor forbade him to leave the had a cont, and his took for other his observed house. But he nevertheless attended a concert, and on the night following had an attack of a slight heart trouble from which be has suffered for years. Feeling hot and feverish he got up, opened the window, and exposed himself, thinly clad, to the cold air. The result was an attack of pneumonia to which he soon succumbed.

Speaking of Paderewski and his recent reported utterances to the effect that he did not hope to equal Liszt or Rubinstein, M. Rivarde, the violinist. equal Lisat or Rubinstein, M. Rivarde, the violiblat, said: "Paderewski is, of course, a great artist, but an unseemly furore has been created about bird. It is the course of the cours



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#### ART AND MONEY.

If music is to be placed on a purely business basis, what will be the ultimate fate of the art? It is doubtful, says an exchange, if any profession can survive if the accumulation of money is the chief object. The poet who should repress all inspiration object. The poet who should repress all inspiration until he is satisfactorily paid for producing it is the poet whose fame would not outlast his life; the composer who should wait for a check before he wrote his symphony is the composer who would have no place in the temple of fame; the physician who refused to prescribe for a suffering fellow more tall before he received his fee is the man whom the tal before he received his fee is the man whom the dictionaries define as quack. What is enduring in all art is that which has no relation to business. An artist must live, and he is always worth the salary he receives! but he is what he is through the salary he receives! but he is what he is through the love for his art, through the instinct which has impelled him to become what he is. If he is a true artist he did not study for the purpose of making money, but to conquer the art which he loved. How many symphonies have received their worth in money; how many composers have been rated at their commercial value? Was Milton thinking for many rampionles have reserved their worths and the commercial value? Was Milton thinking of the five pounds payment when he wrote "Paradike Lost"? or, coming down to our own times, did with the commercial value? Was Milton thinking and the Lost"? or, coming down to our own times, did when the commercial value? Was Milton thinking which is the commercial value? Was Milton thinking which is the commercial value? Was Milton thinking which is the commercial value? Was Milton thinking which is the commercial value of the voice are so on thought of a bank soc basis should remember that they are in danger of depriving art of any value whetheyer. They are living on the works produced by genins, and when greins followed they commercial value whether. They are living on the works produced by genins, and when greins followed they commercial value whether. They are living on the works produced by genins, and when greins followed they commercial value whether. They are living on the works produced by genins, and when greins followed they commercial value whether the commercial value of the commercia

to the welfare of a nation, but commerce nourishes the body and art the soul. Physical health and beauty are beyond praise, but so long as a man remains something more than an animal so long that will be need the nourishment that springs from

#### AN ARTIST ON MODERN SINGING.

None of the foreign artists who have sung in America won a higher place than Lilli Lehman. She has recently given to a German paper some thoughts on modern vocal art that deserve attention by all who hope to make a musical career either as thoughts on modern vocal art that deserve attention by all we be not been as the property of t eight years instruction in singing and acting, and that now is all over in one year. In such period nothing can be attained. "" To create a role, breathe life into it, to physically master it, to make it one's own, to pass into it, to sing one's self into it requires years, and then when one has sung it a hundred times one smoothes down irregularities hundred times one smoothes down irregularities without forgetting to remain grand, noble and massoott. How may these the product of the produ

E. R. Kroeger gave a very successful plano recital on the 20th uit., at Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Katie Jochum, of 1905 Lami Street, has a large and interesting class of pupils. Miss Jochum has proven herself a capable and conscientious

W. D. Armstrong gave a splendid concert at Bunker Hill, Ilis., for the benefit of Shurtleff Col-lege at Alton. He will also be heard at Staunton, Ilis., and Greenville, Ilis. Mr. Armstrong expects

Miss Beruice Crumb, a former pupil of E. R. Kroeger, is meeting with much success in concerts in New York. The papers there have given her very high praise.

Miss Clara Stubblefield, the pianist and teacher, is kept quite busy with her classes. Miss Stubblefield is also engaged at one of the leading educa-

The musical programmes of the Non-Sectarian Church attract a great many lovers of music to its services. Senor Aquabella is in charge of the organ, and to his able efforts is largely due the success of this feature of the church work.

A very enjoyable musicale was given at Vera Hall, Clifton Heights. Among the principal numbers of the programme were piano solos by Miss Neilie Paulding, and vocal solos by Miss Bertha Winslow.

Louis Hammersteiu, assisted by Mrs. Louis Hammerstein, soprano; Mrs. G. E. Gruen, alto; Otto Hein, tenor; and Ed. Dierkes, bartione, gave an Easter song service at Lafayette Park Presbyterian Church. The programme was well varied, and admirably rendered.

George Enzinger, organist of the Salem German M. E. Church, 18th and Wash Sta, gave chored concert there on the \$8 th Ut. The programme included the Forty-second Psalm by Mendelssobn, organ solos, plano ducts and choruses. The concert was very successful, and reflected special credit upon Mr. Enzinger, the director.

Miss Rosy M. Faust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Faust, will be married to Mr. Alred L. Kiel on the Sth inst, at St. Kevln's Church. Miss Faust is well known in musical circles. A reception will be held at the residence of the bride, 3226 Caroline St. The REVIEW extends its congratulations to the happy couple.

couple. The new organ built by Geo. Kilgen & Son at the German Evangelized Rethania Church, was formally that of the Common Evangelized Sethania Church, was formally that of Ft. S. Saeger, the organist, on the 19th uit. The organ is a magnificent plees of workmankly. The case is of many that of the Common Evangelized Th

#### MUSICIANS ELECT OFFICERS.

The National League of Musicians has elected The National League of Musicians has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Alexander Bremer, of New York; vice-presidents, Alexander Bremer, of New York; vice-presidents, and the state of th

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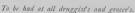
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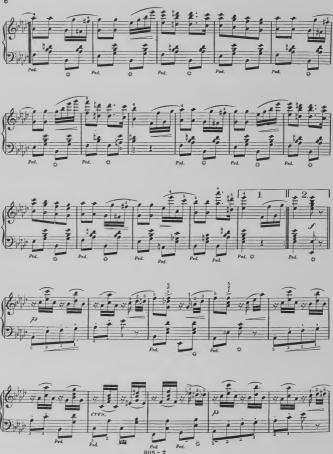


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#### "MUSIC - THE ART OF THE NINE- thing else than a dream? Has musical culture any TEENTH CENTURY."

Under this title, M. Gevaert delivered an address before the Belgian Royal Academy, in which he adduced many illustrations to justify the phrase, While admiring M. Gevaert's enthusiasm, says Mu-While admiring M. Gevaert's enthusiasm, says Musical News, for his own art, however, it does not seem that either his facts or his deductions from them are altogether impeccable. It is certainly true that at no period in the world's history has music attained such a degree of popular fav emotional aspects, and that in this sense the title,
. The Art of the 19th Century," is to some extent
justified; but this is surely not more marked in music than in the sister arts

M. Gevaert said: "The passionate love of multitudes for singing or instrumental melody is not a new fact in the history of our world; this is because music is not alone an art, an aesthetic creation, but music is not alone an art, an esthetic creation, but is at the same time an exercise of a primordial faculty, the manifestation of an impulse innate in human nature. \* " in all initudes, at all epocus, and in every social situation, in peace or war, in prosperity or misery, melody by its infections has sought to express the joy of living, hope, the terror of the lavisible and the unknowable. the terror of the lavisible and the unknowable. Some races which have come to a high degree of intellectual culture—the Hebrews, the Ante-Islam Arabs—have been able to do totally without the plastic arts. Nowhere that I know of has anyone sees at least a radiumentary melopous and certain rhythms of dance." Such examples, however, seem to draw one to a conclusion different from that which M. Gevnert reached. He argued that love of music, of a klud, is innate in the human race, but that the 10th century, per exectionee, is to be pecially as a universal art. But it anonean very pecially see a universal art. But it anonean very pecially as a universal art. But it appears very questionable whether music, in many of the forms which he instances, can he credited with more than heing the outcome of natural emotions and the rudimeniary idea of melody and rhythm, with the man-festation of which even the most savage tribes are the masses now, and even by the higher grades of society, is very far from reaching the level which would justly its being dignified with the large-tic artis also not particularly happy. It is set that the state of the property of the property of the would justly its being dignified with the large-tic artis also not particularly happy. It is well-known that the absence of the cultivation of soulp-tures and painting among the leves and Arabis was ture and painting among the Jews and Arabs was due to religious scruples, and not to any absence of desire to practice these aris. Indeed, the existence of the commandment forhidding graven langes of such a desire. Then, again, M. Gevaert implies that music in early days, and among savage trihes la later days, was more the result of natural instinct han of cilication or culture; that surely the designs and colors of the carvel Idols of savage races are as worthy of notice as their "uniformentary" attempts at music.

M. Gevaert also considers that the ahundance of M. Gevaeri also considers that the ahundance of technical term used in other arts at this present immense influence of the latter in this livin cen-tury; but this argument night be used on the other side also. In reference to a musical composition we sphere, "'background," etc., just as reely as artists use the terms "tone," 'loudness," 's offness, "and other shullar expressions in speaking of paluting,

other similar expressions in speaking of painting. However, beyond the above points, in which his arguments do not appear to have been founded upon sufficiently sure bases, the address of the honored director of the Brussels Conservation exhibits its enthusiasm for nusic; an enthusiasm which certainty, with all its warmth, does not in all directions go heyoud the bounds of the rational. He looks on music as the great civilizer, the leaven that may be expected to retore concord and irrotteriness bemusic as the great civilizer, the (eaven that may be expected to restore concord and protheriness between the opposing forces of society. "The master-plentitude until the day when the inert and passive element of our audiences, at concert as well as at opera, finds lister freduced to a very small and despited minority. What will it be adjusted minority and the state of the proper of the properties of the

"Certainly it is a beautiful dream. But is it any- all the time."

thing else than a dream? Has musical culture any chance of achieving greater thing, or even of maintenance of the control of t neither with the hardness of the soil, the wind, nor the rain. It is a marvelous bothouse plant, which, if it is not to perish, demands assiduous and intelli-gent care and expensive tools. In order to perpetuate the real life of the master-works of modern ate the real life of the master-works of modern music there is necessary a permanent army of exceutint singers, instumentalists trained by capable professors, instumentalists trained by capable professors, instumentalists trained by capable Such an organization supposes special schools, partons, and large subsidies from the public authorities. To sum up, polyphonic art, the futl of a lahorious effort continued through ten centuries, appears to us as the astehetic crown of western city—up with that of existing seeders. up with that of existing society.

M. Gevaert proceeded to imagine the disastrous results that would ensue if music ceased to he protected by the State, and were abandoned to private enterprise. To us in England, where so much is achieved hy private enterprise alone, his fears for the future do not appear serious, though to Conti-nental musicians, accustomed to State subvention in various forms, the aspect of such a condition must certainly appear threatening.

However, M. Gevaert did not wish to depress his from musical education schemes, and even extracted some little confort from the lungith of the feel-look back upon the present and contemplate our advantages in "sliving at the close of a day in which music has worked such great miracles." It is curf-almost disproved the justice of this title, "Music— The Art of the 19th Century," by speaking of it as when only one which has followed right up to the present time a march constantly progressive and un-interrupted, and has arrived at its complete flowering." Some will prefer to consider that the progress still continues, and that the flowering is far from complete, but will be seen in greater fullness as generations pass.

William H. Sherwood and his excellent company have just returned from a tour of over two months' duration through the Southern States. They have of the country, and everywhere with great success. Their audiences have heen large and enthusiastic, and the critics of the leading dailines of that scan, and the critics of the leading dailines of the scan pany. Mr. Sherwood is rapidly gaining recognition as one of the greatest planists of the day, the technique is colosed, and his repertotre immensation of the company will soon start on a long tour through the Western States, and hopes to be equally successful. William H. Sherwood and his excellent company

Paderewski and Manick investigated Chines om-selved in San Practice. The Cell, of that Olfy, asys-sho in San Practice in The Cell, of the Olfy, asys-sho futer. This had a sad, sweet tone, even to when Chinese airs were issuing from it. A species of mandoin sho excited his currioutly, while the ear-not so favored. Marick was more pleased with the tiltle two-stringed indice, which has a head like a mailet. His method of holding the instrument caused much amusement to the Chinese, and he caused much anusement to the Chinese, and he ahandoned all attempts to play on it after having the handoned all attempts to play on it after having the unwilling strings. But he admired the rattle-sake skin that covered the head of the fiddle. There is no dount that the Chinese play tunes," as I could, I only discovered two. There may be others, of course; hat at the theater, at the temples, at the creatments, at the colbs, and it in the houses we at the restaurants, at the clubs, and in the houses we did not enter, these same tunes were heling played. Both were of the same tunes were heling played. Both were of the same enter and additions, that there were never variations. The same tune was played over and over again. Sometimes it was faster and over and over again. Sometimes it was faster and read over and over again. Sometimes it was faster and over and over again. Sometimes it was faster and over a same tune was played over a same tune was played over a same tune was the same tune was there all the time."

#### THE NIBELUNGEN AT BAYREUTH.

Noville, Ewer & Co. are the New York agent for the Bayreuth Dynra Blones, and are now tooking orders for complete cycles at \$20. The opens will begin on July 19th. In commencation of 1876, the four dramas of "Der Ring des Niebelungen" will be performed free times. The five cycles will hegin de performed by Das Rheingold "will be given on Sundays, July 19th, July 29th, Angust 27th, Angust 27th, Angust 17th, Angust 17th Novello, Ewer & Co, are the New York agents for I here will no Butervisi of about an hour hetween acts. After performances special trains will be run in various directions. A special committee will as-sist visitors in finding suitable lodgings. When tickets are delivered to applicants, a form of appli-cation for lodgings will be furnished. The casts have not heen made known. However, Lilli Leh-mann, Wilhelm Gruening and Marie Brema are engaged. Jean and I Bayreuth after all.

Why is it that prize competitions in musical composition are productive of failure while in literature they bring good results 'ang Froto. Many of the choicest contributions to both prose and poetry to be considered to be considered to be considered to the considered to recall any detailness works of the musicians which were similarly inspired. Even Buck's "Golden Legend," which won the prize at one of the Cincinnati May Festivals, was later found to be an old composition reconciled for the occasion, and Wagcomposition reconciled for the consistency of the composition reconciled for the consistency of the consistenc a discarded extract from an opera written years be-fore. So it seems to be easier for the writer of literature than for the musical composer to respon "cmergency call," though why it should he so difficult to understand.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has just confessed that he does not always work with the rapidity ascribed to him. When the fever is on me and the subject excites when the fever is on me and the subject excites the other hand, I have spent a week over a single song, setting it over and over again, until I felt to melody miterpreted the story of the words. I have thrown in the fire dozens of unes that might have thrown in the fire dozens of tunes that might have heen used as 'poi-holiers', and sold to the music shops on the strength of the popularity of my name. But into the flames they went, and they never can rise up against me. There was a song, 'The Merry-man and the Maid,' that gave me infinite trouble. I really believe I spent a formight over that blessed involvement of the state freally believe I spent a forthight over that blessed jingle, and must have set and reset it a dozen times before I was content."

Borodin, the Russian composer, was so passionable devoted to music that he shandoned medicine and chemistry, to noth of which he had been stretch—on one occasion from seven in the evening till seven next morning. Persons have done as much and more has feat of endurance for money; played on out of a pure and simple love for music he was very fond of the flute, as to which they tell this queer story about him. Returning home one wondered what on earth had become of him, when all of a sudden an underground tootting revealed the moment he got over the shock of his full, Brow-Borodin, the Russian composer, was so passionporoun's rate and whereabouts. It seemed that the moment he got over the shock of his fall, Borodin had been more anxious for his heloved flut than for himself; and the notes his friend heard were the result of his playing to find out whether or not the flute was inju-

It is said that with one exception all the principals of the Metropolitan Opera Company have been re-engaged for next season. The exception is Calve. The management wants her, but the prima donna has placed an increased value on her donna has placed an increased value on her servi-ces. It may he assumed that the matter will be ar-ranged, and that Calve will again delight the public with her magnetic art. Mancinelli, the conductor, will resume his old place.

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